

Phone-Taps And Rival Undertaker

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PERPIGNAN, France,
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Marie Brison couldn't un-
derstand why business
was so bad. Then she dis-
covered a rival funeral
director had been "body-
snatching" with a phone-
tap.

Mrs. Brison became sus-
picious when the number
of burials handled by her
funeral parlor in this
southern French town
suddenly dropped by two-
thirds last summer. But it
was only last week that
she tracked down the root
of the problem—a com-
bined microphone and
phone-tap hidden in the
ceiling.

By listening in and even
redirecting calls to his
own number, a rival had
been beating Mrs. Brison
to bereaved families tele-
phoning for her services
by rushing his assistants
around ahead of her.